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SUBJECT: SADAT'S LINKING OF SINAI AND PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENTS

1. RECOGNIZING THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO TALK WITH SADAT IN NEXT FEW DAYS, SECRETARY CONTINUES TO FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO HAVE MOST PRECISE POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF SADAT'S POSITION ON SEPARATE SETTLEMENT BEFORE BEGIN VISIT.

2. WE THOUGHT WE UNDERSTOOD SADAT'S POSITION ON A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT FROM RECENT EXCHANGES UNTIL IDEA WAS INTRODUCED, E.G. IN MESSAGE TO BEGIN, THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF SECOND
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PHASE OF SINAI AGREEMENT MIGHT BE POSTPONED UNTIL WEST BANK/ GAZA ISSUE SETTLED. WHEREAS WE THOUGHT SADAT WAS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE SINAI NEGOTIATIONS ONCE DECLARATION SATISFACTORY TO HIM AGREED, POSSIBILITY NOW RAISED THAT COMPLETING IMPLEMENTATION WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WEST BANK/GAZA NEGOTIATIONS REACH SATISFACTORY STATE AS YET UNDEFINED. THAT SEEMS TO NEGATE IDEA OF SINAI AGREEMENT NOT HOSTAGE

TO NEGOTIATION OF PALESTINIAN/WEST BANK/GAZA NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THIS PROPOSAL LINKING THE FINAL PHASE IMPLEMENTING AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN BILATERAL TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE

PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS NOT ONE WE HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH. IF SADAT MEANS IT, THIS IS A CONCEPT WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SADAT MAY BE RELUCTANT TO BE MORE SPECIFIC THAN HE HAS BEEN SO FAR AND MAY BE OFFERING UP ONLY CONCEPTUAL IDEAS WITHOUT BEING WEDDED TO PARTICULAR FORMULAS. BUT IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER FURTHER INSIGHTS FROM SADAT ON THIS POINT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL HERE. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE SOME CLARIFICATION BEFORE THE BEGIN VISIT.

4. FYI. WE ARE RECOMMENDING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SADAT AS YOU SUGGESTED TAKING ACCOUNT OF HIS EXCHANGE WITH BEGIN. SO YOU MIGHT COMBINE ABOVE WITH TRANSMITTING MESSAGE IF APPROVED.

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